

What is claimed is:

1. A device comprising:
a memory array;
a first data path connected to the memory array for transferring data at a first speed; and
a second data path connected to the memory array for transferring data at a second speed.
2. The device of claim 1, wherein each of the first and second data paths is a bi-directional data path.
3. The device of claim 1 further comprising a strobe transceiver circuit connected to the first data path for transferring data to and from the first data path at the first speed, and connected to the second data path for transferring data to and from the second path at the second speed.
4. The device of claim 3 further comprising a data transceiver circuit connected to the second data path for transferring data to and from the second path at the second speed.
5. The device of claim 4, wherein each of the strobe and data transceiver circuits includes a plurality of transceivers, each of the transceivers in the strobe transceiver circuit having elements matching elements of each of the transceivers in the data transceiver circuit.

6. A device comprising:
 - a memory array;
 - a first data path connected to the memory array for transferring data at a first speed;
 - a second data path connected to the memory array for transferring data at a second speed;
 - a plurality of strobe transceivers connected to the first and second data paths for transferring data to and from the first data path at the first speed and for transferring data to and from the second data path at the second speed; and
 - a plurality of data transceivers connected to the second data path for transferring data to and from the second path at the second speed.
7. The device of claim 6, wherein:
 - the first data path is configured to transfer data to and from the memory array at the first speed in one mode; and
 - the second data path is configured to transfer data to and from the memory array at the second speed in another mode.
8. The device of claim 6, wherein the first data path is configured to transfer data at the first speed in a test mode, and the second data path is configured to transfer data at the second speed in the test mode and in a normal mode.
9. The device of claim 6, wherein the plurality of strobe transceivers includes:
 - a number of write strobe transceivers for receiving data from the first data path at the first speed and for providing write strobe signals to the second data path at the second speed; and
 - a number of read strobe transceivers for providing data to the first data path at the first speed and for receiving read strobe signals from the second data path at the second speed.

10. The device of claim 6, wherein each of the strobe transceivers and each of the data transceivers have matching elements.

11. The device of claim 6, wherein each of the strobe transceivers and each of the data transceivers have equal number of elements.

12. A device comprising:

a memory array;

a first data path connected to the memory for transferring data at a first speed;

a second data path connected to the memory array for transferring data at a second speed;

a plurality data transceivers connected to the second data paths for transferring data to and from the memory array via the second data paths;

a plurality write strobe transceivers connected to the first and second data paths for receiving data from the first data path in a test mode, and for providing write strobe signals to the second data path in one of the test mode and a normal mode; and

a plurality read strobe transceivers connected to the first and second data paths for providing data to the first data path in the test mode, and for receiving read strobe signals from the second data path in one of the test mode and the normal mode.

13. The device of claim 12, wherein each of the write strobe transceivers is configured to receive data from the first data path at the first speed in a read operation in a test mode.

14. The device of claim 13, wherein each of the write strobe transceivers is further configured to provide one of the write strobe signals to the second data path at the second speed in a write operation in the test mode.

15. The device of claim 13, wherein each of the write strobe transceivers is further configured to provide one of the write strobe signals to the second data path at the second speed in a write operation in a normal mode.

16. The device of claim 12, wherein each of the read strobe transceivers is configured to provide data to the first data path at the first speed in a write operation in a test mode.

17. The device of claim 16, wherein each of the read strobe transceivers is further configured to receive one of the read strobe signals from the second data path at the second speed in a read operation in a test mode.

18. The device of claim 16, wherein each of the read strobe transceivers is further configured to receive one of the read strobe signals from the second data path at the second speed in a read operation in a normal mode.

19. The device of claim 12, wherein each of the data transceivers is configured to provide data to the second data path at the second speed in a write operation of one in a test mode and a normal mode and configured to receive data from the second data path at the second speed in a read operation of one of the test mode and the normal mode.

20. The device of claim 12, wherein each of the write strobe transceivers, each of the read strobe transceivers, and each of the data transceivers have equal number of matching elements.

21. The device of claim 12, wherein each of the write strobe transceivers includes:
- an input circuit connected to the second data path; and
 - an output circuit connected to the first data path.
22. The device of claim 21, wherein each of the read strobe transceivers includes:
- an input circuit connected to the first data path; and
 - an output circuit connected to the second data path.
23. The device of claim 22, wherein each of the data transceivers includes:
- an input circuit connected to the second data path; and
 - an output circuit connected to the second data path.
24. The device of claim 23, wherein the input circuits of the write strobe transceivers, read strobe transceivers, and data transceivers are identical.
25. The device of claim 24, wherein the output circuits of the write strobe transceivers, read strobe transceivers, and data transceivers are identical.
26. A device comprising:
- a memory array;
 - a first bi-directional data path connected to the memory array;
 - a second bi-directional data path connected to the memory array;
 - a plurality of strobe transceivers connected to the first and second bi-directional data paths;
 - a plurality of data transceivers connected to the second bi-directional data path; and

a path selector connected between the memory array and the first and second bi-directional data paths for selecting one of the first and second bi-directional data paths for transferring data between the memory array and one of the first and second bi-directional data paths.

27. The device of claim 26, wherein the first bi-directional data path is configured to transfer data at a first speed.

28. The device of claim 27, wherein the second bi-directional data path is configured to transfer data at a second speed.

29. The device of claim 26, wherein the strobe transceivers are configured to transferring data to and from the first bi-directional data path at the first speed and for transferring data to and from the second bi-directional data path at the second speed.

30. The device of claim 29, wherein the data transceivers are configured to transfer data to and from the second bi-directional data path at the second speed.

31. The device of claim 30, wherein each of the strobe transceivers and each of the data transceivers have matching elements.

32. The device of claim 26, wherein the first bi-directional data path includes:
a data input/output circuit connected to the path selector;
an internal circuit; and
a select unit connected to the input/output circuit and the internal circuit for selecting a route to transfer data between the strobe transceivers and one of the input/output circuit and the internal circuit.

33. The device of claim 32, wherein the input/output circuit includes:
a plurality of input latches connected to the select unit for receiving data from the strobe transceivers based on a first combination of select signals; and
a plurality of output latches connected to the select unit for outputting data to the strobe transceivers based on a second combination of the select signals.
34. The device of claim 33, wherein the input/output circuit further includes a compression and decompression engine connected to the input and output latches for compressing data transferred from the input latches and for decompressing data transferred to the output latches.
35. The device of claim 32, wherein the internal circuit includes:
a control path connected to the select unit for receiving control data from the strobe transceivers based on a first combination of the select signals; and
a feedback path connected to the select unit for providing feedback data to the strobe transceivers based on a second combination of the select signals.
36. A device comprising:
a first data path and a second data path;
a first group of transceivers, each having an input circuit connected to the second data path and an output circuit connected to the first data path;
a second group of transceivers, each having an input circuit connected to the first data path and an output circuit connected to the second data path; and
a third group of transceivers, each having an input circuit connected to the second data path and an output circuit connected to the second data path.
37. The device of claim 36, wherein each transceiver of the first group of transceivers, each transceiver of the second group of transceivers, and each transceiver of the third group of transceivers have equal number of elements.

38. The device of claim 37, wherein each of the first and second data paths is a bi-directional data path.
39. The device of claim 36, wherein the input circuits of transceivers of the first, second, and third groups of transceivers are identical.
40. The device of 39, wherein the output circuits of transceivers of the first, second, and third groups of transceivers are identical.
41. The device of 36 further comprising a memory array connected to the first and second data path.
42. The device of claim 41, wherein the device further comprising a path selector connected in a path between the memory array and the first and second data paths.
43. The device of claim 42, wherein each of the first and second group of transceivers is configured to transferred data to and from the first data path at a first speed and configured to transferred data to and from the second data path at a second speed.
44. The device of claim 43, wherein the third group of transceivers is configured to transfer data to and from the second data path at the first speed.
45. A system comprising:
a processor; and
a memory device connected to the processor, the memory device including:
a memory array;

a first data path connected to the memory array and configured for transferring data at a first speed;
a second data path connected to the memory array and configured for transferring data at a second speed; and
a plurality of transceivers connected to the first and second data paths.

46. The system of claim 45, wherein each of the first and the second data paths is a bi-directional data path.

47. The system of claim 45, wherein the plurality of transceivers includes a plurality of strobe transceivers connected to the first data path for transferring data at the first speed, and connected to the second data path for transferring data at the second speed.

48. The system of claim 47, wherein the plurality of transceivers further includes a plurality of data transceivers connected to the second data path for transferring data at the second speed.

49. The system of claim 48, wherein the each of the plurality of strobe transceivers and each of the plurality data transceivers includes equal number of elements.

50. The system of claim 48, wherein the each of the plurality of strobe transceivers and each of the plurality of data transceivers includes matching elements.

51. A method comprising:
transferring data in a semiconductor device via a first bi-directional data path at a first speed; and
transferring data in the semiconductor device via a second bi-directional data path at a second speed.
52. The method of claim 51, wherein transferring data at both the first speed and second speed include transferring data between internal circuits of the semiconductor device and external terminals of the semiconductor device.
53. The method of claim 51, wherein the first speed is lower than the second speed.
54. The method of claim 51, wherein transferring data at one of the first speed and the second speed occurs in one of a test mode and a normal mode.
55. The method of claim 51, wherein transferring data at the first speed occurs in a test mode and transferring data at the second speed occurs in a normal mode.
56. The method of claim 51, wherein transferring data at both the first speed and the second speed occurs in a test mode.
57. A method comprising:
transferring data in a memory device at a first speed via a first bi-directional data path; and
transferring data in the memory device at a second speed via a second bi-directional data path.

58. The method of claim 57, wherein transferring data at both the first speed and the second speed include transferring data between a memory array of the memory device and external terminals of the memory device.

59. The method of claim 57, wherein the first speed is lower than the second speed.

60. The method of claim 57, wherein transferring data at the first speed occurs in a test mode.

61. The method of claim 60, wherein transferring data at the second speed occurs in one of the test normal mode and a normal mode.

62. A method comprising:
writing data to a memory array at a first speed via a first bi-directional data path; and
reading the data from the memory array at a second speed via a second bi-directional data path.

63. The method of claim 62, wherein the first speed is lower than the second speed.

64. The method of claim 62 further comprising:
reading the data from the memory array at the first speed.

65. The method of claim 64 further comprising:
writing the data to the memory array at the second speed.

66. The method of claim 62, wherein writing and reading data at the first speed occur in a test mode.

67. The method of claim 66, wherein writing and reading data at the second speed occur in one of the test mode and a normal mode.

68. A method comprising:
writing data to a memory array at a first speed via a first bi-directional data path;
reading data from the memory array at the first speed via the first bi-directional data path;
writing data to the memory array at a second speed via a second bi-directional data path; and
reading data from the memory array at the second speed via the second bi-directional data path.

69. The method of claim 68, wherein the first speed is lower than the second speed.

70. The method of claim 68, wherein the first speed is higher than the second speed.

71. The method of claim 68, wherein writing data to a memory array at a first speed includes:

- deactivating write strobe transceivers connected to the second bi-directional data path;

- deactivating data transceivers connected to the second bi-directional data path; and

- activating input circuits of read strobe transceivers, the input circuits connecting to the first bi-directional data path.

72. The method of claim 71, wherein reading data from the memory array at the first speed includes:

- deactivating the input circuits of the read strobe transceivers; and

- activating output circuits of the write strobe transceivers, the output circuits connecting to the first bi-directional data path.

73. The method of claim 72, wherein writing data to the memory array at a second speed includes:

- activating input circuits of the data transceivers;

- deactivating the output circuits of the write strobe transceivers; and

- activating input circuits of the write strobe transceivers, the input circuits connecting to the second bi-directional data path.

74. The method of claim 73, wherein reading data from the memory array at the second speed includes:

- deactivating the input circuits of the data transceivers;

- activating output circuits of the data transceivers;

- deactivating the input circuits of write strobe transceivers; and

- activating output circuits of the read strobe transceivers, the output circuits connecting to the second bi-directional data path.

75. A method comprising:
transferring a first type of data between a plurality of transceivers and a first bi-directional data path; and
transferring a second type of data between the plurality of transceivers and a second bi-directional data path.
76. The method of claim 75, wherein the first type of data includes data information.
77. The method of claim 76, wherein the second type of data includes timing information.
78. The method of claim 77 further comprising:
transferring data information between a plurality of data transceivers and the second bi-directional data path.
79. The method of claim 75, wherein transferring a first type of data occurs in a test mode.
80. The method of claim 79, wherein transferring a second type of data occurs in one of the test mode and a normal mode.
81. A method comprising:
selectively transfer data between a first transfer and a second transfer, wherein the first transfer includes transferring data between a plurality of strobe transceivers and a first bi-directional data path, and wherein the second transfer includes transferring data between the plurality of strobe transceivers and a second bi-directional data path.

82. The method of claim 81 further comprising:
selectively transferring data between a plurality of data transceivers and the second bi-directional data path.

83. The method of claim 81, wherein transferring data between the plurality of strobe transceivers and the first bi-directional data path includes:

providing data information from the plurality of strobe transceivers to the first bi-directional data path; and

providing data information from the first bi-directional data path to the plurality of strobe transceivers.

84. The method of claim 83, wherein transferring data between the plurality of strobe transceivers and the second bi-directional data path includes:

providing timing information from the plurality of strobe transceivers to the second bi-directional data path; and

providing timing data information from the second bi-directional data path to the plurality of strobe transceivers.

85. The method of claim 81, wherein the first transfer is performed at a first speed, and the second transfer is performed at a second speed.